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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: UN PERSONNEL: MEDIA PREOCCUPATIONS WITH
DNEPROVSKY APPOINTMENT

1. THE QUESTION OF KGB PENETRATION OF KEY UN OFFICES IN GENEVA CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR PREOCCUPATION OF THE PRESS. THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT APPEARS TO BE THAT THE SWISS GOVERNMENT ITSELF MAY BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT GIVING MR. DNEPROVSKY A VISA TO OPERATE IN GENEVA. ACCORDING TO THE JULY 4 EDITION OF THE HERALD TRIBUNE, QUOTE SWISS AUTHORITIES, IN AN UNUSUAL PUBLIC STATEMENT, SAID THAT THEY WERE 'CLOSELY STUDYING' A SOVIET REQUEST TO GIVE DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION TO GELI DNEPROVSKY... SWISS OFFICIALS SAID IN BERN THAT UN SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM WOULD BE ASKED ABOUT KGB (SOVIET SECRET POLICE) AND GRU (SOVIET MILITARY) AGENTS IN TOP UN JOBS, WHEN HE VISITS SWITZERLAND THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. 'THERE NEVER HAS BEEN ANY SECRET ABOUT RUSSIAN INTELLIGENCE
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ACTIVITIES IN GENEVA,' AN OFFICIAL SAID. 'BUT ALTHOUGH THE UN HAS EXTRATERRITORIAL RIGHTS, IT IS AFTER ALL ON SWISS SOIL.' END QUOTE

2. SYG WALDHEIM GAVE A PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (JULY 5) WHICH WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO RESPONDING TO REPORTERS' QUESTIONS REGARDING THE DNEPROVSKY APPOINTMENT. WALDHEIM

ATTEMPTED TO FOB THE QUESTION OFF BY SAYING IT WAS ONLY A
P-5 APPOINTMENT AND THAT HE DID NOT NORMALLY CONCERN
HIMSELF WITH APPOINTMENTS OF THIS LEVEL. NOW THAT THE
ISSUE HAD NOW COME TO HIS ATTENTION HE WOULD OF COURSE
LOOK INTO IT. HE ADDED THAT, IN THIS CONNECTION, THE
CRUCIAL TEST WOULD BE DNEPROVSKY'S LOYALTY TO THE UN
SYSTEM. VANDEN HEUVEL

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